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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Rao *et al.*  
Appl. No.: 09/478,598  
Filed: January 6, 2000  
For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR ALTERING AMINO ACID  
CONTENT OF PROTEINS

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Group Art Unit: 1652

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please revise the first full paragraph beginning on page 3, line 2, to read as follows:

G<sup>1</sup> Figures 1A and 1B show homologies between vegetative storage protein (VSP) and other proteins, as follows.

Please revise the first full paragraph beginning on page 3, line 3, to read as follows:

G<sup>2</sup> VSP-b (same as VSP $\beta$ ) and VSP-a (same as VSP $\alpha$ ): Staswick, P.E., (1988), Plant Physiol. 87, 250-254. The amino acid sequence of the VSP-b protein is set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, and the amino acid sequence of the VSP-a protein is set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

Please revise the first full paragraph beginning on page 3, line 6, to read as follows:

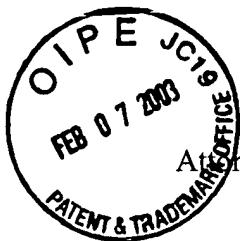
G<sup>3</sup> T.phos (tomato acid phosphatase): Erion, J.L., Ballo, B., May, L., Bussell, J., Fox, T.W., & Thomas, S.R., SwissProt database accession number P27061. The amino acid sequence of this protein is set forth in SEQ ID NO:3.

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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT in the above-identified patent application.

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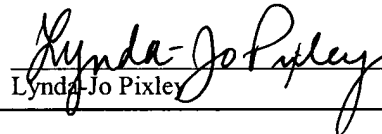
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